

Remarks

Amendments

Applicants note the amendment to the specification to refer to U.S. provisional application No. 60/430,228, filed December 2, 2002, in the filing papers.

Claims 1-4 and 7 are amended.

Claims 9-11 are new.

Claims 1-11 are now present in this application.

The present claims are amended to change "obtainable" to "obtained".

Claims 2-4 are amended to be dependent on claim 1.

Claim 7 is amended to be independent.

New claims 9-11 correspond to original claims 2-4 and depend on claim 7. Support is also found in the specification, second full paragraph, page 5 through the second paragraph, page 6.

The claims are otherwise amended to be more clear.

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chem Abstract 122:265035 or Dubs, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,478,875. U.S. Pat. No. 5,663,128 is equivalent to the Chem Abstract reference.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

The limitations of the present claims are not met by the cited references. The present alcohol of component b) is distinct from the glycerides of component (II) of the cited references. Glycerides are not included in the present product by process.

The cited references fail to teach any primary alcohols of present component b) in combination with thiodiethylene glycol derivatives, present component c).

In view of these remarks, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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